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STAHRENBURG IN TROUBLE

Fascist Propagandist Has Misused the Mails

The Hour learns that Peter H. Stahrenberg of the American Nationalist Press, 205 East 12th Street, New York City, may soon find himself in severe difficulties with the law. Stahrenberg, who is one of the key U. S. printers and distributors of anti-democratic and pro-Nazi literature, has made the serious blunder of sending through the United States mail certain material which makes him liable to federal prosecution. The charges against Stahrenberg will probably involve fraudulent use of the mail. Several organizations, whose names have been fraudulently used in anti-democratic material now being circulated throughout the country, have long suspected that this material was emanating from Stahrenberg's office.

This fascist printer and author formerly published the notorious National American magazine, but in December, 1939, he ran into financial difficulties and was forced to discontinue this publication (see The Hour for December 16, 1939). At the time he sent out a letter to the regular recipients of the magazine telling them of his money troubles and asking for help. The letter concluded, as does a good portion of his correspondence, with the phrase "Hail America!" -- which is Stahrenberg's "patriotic" version of Heil Hitler!

Although this appeal brought inadequate results, Stahrenberg's income has continued to be derived from the printing and publishing of un-American literature, which he places at the disposal of native Fifth Columnists. One of the latest of the pamphlets he has printed was described in The Hour on October 12, 1940. Its title is Revolution and the Real Fifth Column; its author, Colonel E. N. Sanctuary, rabid anti-Semite and intimate of Nazi agents.

Stahrenberg has long been active in the cause of the U. S. Fifth Column. He helped form several of the Italian fascist units in New York, and worked in close collaboration with the German-American Bund. His Nationalist Press has won the questionable distinction of being one of the leading wholesale distributing agencies for Nazi and Italian fascist propaganda in this country. Specializing in English fascist literature as well, Stahrenberg was the sole U. S. distributor of Sir Oswald Mosley's Action, official organ of the British Fascist Party.

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## ODWU AND HETMAN IN RETREAT

Pro-Democratic Ukrainian-Americans Launch Campaign Against  
Fascist Groups; Government Investigation Under Way

The Hour exposés concerning the activities and connections of the ODWU and the Hetman are making matters increasingly difficult for these fascistic Ukrainian-American organizations. As was pointed out in our last issue, these two groups are now being attacked throughout the country by progressive Ukrainian-American societies, publications and individuals. And the Hetman and the ODWU are really on the run.

The latest blow to be struck against the fascists was at a consultation of the directors of four Ukrainian Mutual Aid Societies, held in New York on October 19. Here it was definitely decided to remove both the ODWU and the Hetman from all participation in inter-group functions of Ukrainians in the United States. Represented at the gathering were the Ukrainian Workmen's Association of Scranton, Pennsylvania, the Providence Catholic Association of Philadelphia, the Ukrainian National Association of New Jersey, and the Ukrainian National Mutual Aid Society of Pittsburgh.

## ODWU and Hetman to be Notified of Decision

Under strong pressure from the Ukrainian Workmen's Association and the Providence Catholic Association, the Ukrainian National Association and the Mutual Aid Society agreed to sign letters written in the name of all four organizations and addressed to the ODWU and the Hetman, demanding that these two pro-Hitler bands retire from inter-group activities among the Ukrainian-Americans. It is significant that Nicholas Muraszko, president of the Ukrainian National Association, has been given the job of sending the two letters; Muraszko's organization has for many years been under the influence of the ODWU and still has ODWU sympathizers on its executive board (see The Hour for July 27). The Ukrainian Mutual Aid Society has been subjected to similar pressure in the past from anti-democratic Ukrainians.

The decision to send these letters to the ODWU and the Hetman constitutes a great victory for the anti-Nazi and pro-democratic majority of the Ukrainian-Americans. Although it cannot be assumed that the Hitlerite minority will disappear overnight from the Ukrainian National Association and from the Mutual Aid Society, the democratic elements in these two groups -- and they are many -- will be greatly encouraged by this step toward the elimination of ODWU and Hetman influence.

## Government Investigation of ODWU and Hetman

Nor is this the only problem the ODWU and Hetman will face in the immediate future. The Hour is reliably informed that official government bodies are carrying on an extensive investigation of the activities of these two organizations and of their Nazi connections. U. S. ODWU and Hetman leaders, and liason officers between these gentlemen and the Provid (headquarters in Berlin), may soon find themselves in an embarrassing and not too comfortable position. Needless to say, The Hour's material on the ODWU and the Hetman will be at the disposal of the government agencies conducting this investigation.

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## COUGHLIN CONTEST

Father Charles E. Coughlin of Royal Oak, Michigan, is experiencing difficult days. Not only has he been unable to renew his radio contracts (see The Hour for October 5), but he has also experienced a considerable decline in the popularity of his magazine Social Justice. To boost its waning circulation he has resorted to various schemes. Among these is an old favorite of his: the running of contests with cash prizes for Social Justice readers. Since some stigma is attached to out-and-out lotteries, the Coughlin games are supposed to be contests of skill. According to their operator, "education and increased knowledge come into this form of competition."

The most recent contest, a question-answer affair entitled "Men and Money," gives some idea of the degree of skill demanded of winning participants, and also some inkling of the amount of luck. Fifty questions were asked with a number of possible answers appearing under each question. The winner, of course, was that contestant who selected the largest number of correct answers.

## Contest Winners

Here are a few of the questions and the correct answers:

Question: "What prominent American has recently stood 'head and shoulders' over all others for national defense and against war hysteria?"

Answer: "Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh."

Question: "How would you describe the government of England as of July 1, 1940?"

Answer: "Marxian Socialist."

Question: "What is the principle reason for the continued success of Nazism in Germany?"

Answer: "Its theory that every German works for the benefit of Germany as a whole."

Question: "What is chiefly responsible for the spread of anti-Semitism in the United States?"

Answer: "The national drive against anti-Semitism."

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## COUGHLIN ON PEACE TERMS

On October 14 Father Charles E. Coughlin devoted a page of his publication Social Justice to an article entitled "Forecast of Peace Terms." The article is based on the assumption that "Great Britain is ultimately defeated by the Axis powers." Coughlin, of course, is not at all averse to the war being concluded in this fashion. On the contrary, the article intimates the priest's approval of a Nazi victory by stating that in this



event "the Axis will merely leave the North American Continent to 'stew in its own juice,' while quietly going forward with the work of reconstruction in Europe." (*Italics The Hour's.*)

Among the consequent peace terms that Social Justice anticipates with obvious approbation is this one:

"Certain classes and interests will ... be penalized; Freemasons (oriental), for example; the interests that individually thrive on the gold-debt system; and Jews, who -- with certain exceptions -- will be treated as foreigners, under some kind of consular charter devised for their protection, until such time as they can be settled outside Europe."

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#### BROOKLYN TABLET BOOSTS FASCIST GROUP

Gives Endorsement and Free Publicity to Paul Revere Sentinels

On September 28 The Hour disclosed the major role being played by the Christian Front in the rejuvenation of the Paul Revere Sentinels, New York fascist group. This activity of the Front is, as we pointed out, a part of a nationwide program which has been launched under the supervision of Father Charles E. Coughlin. The program entails Christian Fronters moving into and seeking control of "patriotic" organizations. Among these organizations is the Paul Revere Sentinels.

In its article The Hour revealed that Sentinel leaders were conferring with Father Edward F. Brophy, Coughlin's eastern representative and author of the Front bible, The Christian Front. On September 30 Brophy confirmed our report and removed all question of the direction he was giving the Sentinels in an address before one of their meetings (see The Hour for October 5).

Further corroboration of the growing intimacy between the Sentinels and the Christian Front hierarchy is now to be found in the Brooklyn Tablet. It is a well-known fact that this newspaper is pledged to Coughlin's cause, that it mirrors his policy. It is therefore significant that The Tablet has of late been giving increasing publicity to the Paul Revere Sentinels.

On October 12, for example, The Tablet carried an article openly endorsing a meeting of the Sentinels. Under the heading "Mass Meeting to Urge Freedom of Speech," the article described where and when the Sentinels were next going to meet, and even listed the names and addresses of individuals from whom the "limited number of admission tickets" might be secured. The newspaper further betrayed the extent of its interest in the gathering by remarking, "Final arrangements will appear in the next issue of The Tablet."

To eliminate any question of its attitude toward the Paul Revere Sentinels, The Tablet praised the anti-democratic organization with these words: "... the Revere Sentinels have the backing of hundreds of patriotic American societies and groups throughout the U. S. A."